

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**September 20, 2011**  
**Professional Licensing Board**  
**237 Coliseum Drive**  
**Macon, GA 31217**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **September 20, 2011** for the purpose of conducting business.

**Board Members Present:**

Lola Rosenbaum, D.P.T., President  
John Cowherd, Vice-President  
Emily Garner, P.T.  
Bo Hamil, P.T.  
Charlene Portee, P.T., PhD  
Donald Walsh, P.T.  
Chad Whitefield, PTA  
Patti Willis, P.T.

**Staff Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Carol White, Board Support Specialist  
Amy Morelli, Assistant Attorney General

**Open Session**

**Dr. Rosenbaum established** that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Consideration of minutes from the July 19, 2011 board meeting**

- Dr. Portee made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Garner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued**

- Ms. Garner motioned/Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted to ratify the newly issued licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
PT010376	Reiher, Anne Elizabeth	Physical Therapist
PT010377	Sharp, Jennifer Jane	Physical Therapist
PT010378	Smith, Melissa Anne	Physical Therapist
PT010379	Hewett, Margret Willie	Physical Therapist
PT010380	Knight, Sara	Physical Therapist
PT010381	McCormack, Tommie Ann	Physical Therapist
PT010382	Merchant, Rozina	Physical Therapist
PT010383	Jerrell, Zachary Roy	Physical Therapist

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PT010384	Stratton, Morgan Grace	Physical Therapist
PT010385	Ferguson, Monica Mone	Physical Therapist
PT010386	Quiroga, Heather Renee	Physical Therapist
PT010387	Maloney, Brian Joseph	Physical Therapist
PT010388	Reitz, Patricia Ann	Physical Therapist
PT010389	Mancik, Hilary Miller	Physical Therapist
PT010390	Dobson, Lauren Clark	Physical Therapist
PT010391	Ketchum, Troy Michael	Physical Therapist
PT010392	Hite, Sarah Ruth	Physical Therapist
PT010393	Montgomery, Sheree C.	Physical Therapist
PT010394	Perry, Trisha Lynn	Physical Therapist
PT010395	Powers, Mark Steven	Physical Therapist
PT010396	Suico, Janice Remedio	Physical Therapist
PT010397	Ransom, Randall A. Jr.	Physical Therapist
PT010398	Robinson, Derron Maurice	Physical Therapist
PT010399	Heft, Marilyn Ramsey	Physical Therapist
PT010400	Barte, Michelle Urbina	Physical Therapist
PT010401	Davis, Clinton Randall	Physical Therapist
PT010402	Edgar, Kristen Leigh	Physical Therapist
PT010403	Fitzgerald, Kathleen Heather	Physical Therapist
PT010404	Sanfilippo, Alaina Camille	Physical Therapist
PT010405	Scott, Quanteria Jonique	Physical Therapist
PT010406	Crismali, John Steven	Physical Therapist
PT010407	Dowdle, Katherine Wallace	Physical Therapist
PT010408	Welsh, Kristen Sue	Physical Therapist
PT010409	Tate, Latoya Kay Ann	Physical Therapist
PT010410	Escandor, Evangeline Javier	Physical Therapist
PT010411	Poplawski, Kevin Walter	Physical Therapist
	Herbert, Audrey Elizabeth	
PT010412	Pittman	Physical Therapist
PT010413	McQueen, Keyonda Wilson	Physical Therapist
PT010414	Pruett, Laura Rae	Physical Therapist
PT010415	Essner, Malerie Phillips	Physical Therapist
PT010416	Luff, Renata	Physical Therapist
PT010417	Foy, Danielle Marie	Physical Therapist
PT010418	Ward, Sarah Andersen	Physical Therapist
PT010419	Bhatti, Angela Davis	Physical Therapist
PT010420	Kohle, Jennifer Joan	Physical Therapist

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PT010422	Hutchins, Casey Marie	Physical Therapist
PT010423	Taylor, Teoma L.	Physical Therapist
PT010424	Sheats, Meryl	Physical Therapist
PT010425	LaFevor, Tara M.	Physical Therapist
PT010426	Hunt, Kaitlin Johnson	Physical Therapist
PT010427	Caldwell, Amanda C.	Physical Therapist
PT010428	Stringer, Kristin Brooke	Physical Therapist
PT010429	Bartlett, Maria Danielle	Physical Therapist
PT010430	Maguire, Kelly Danielle	Physical Therapist
PT010431	Polivka, Lauren Ashley	Physical Therapist
PT010432	Modi, Ravish Mukeshkumar	Physical Therapist
PT010433	Hodges, Ashley Elizabeth	Physical Therapist
PTA002811	Gemlich, Gary Drew	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002812	Brown, Justin Taylor	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002813	Wise, Ross Langford	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002814	Harrison, Melissa Ann	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002815	Casey, Sharon Lee	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002816	Pounds, Ginger Parham	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002817	West, Carly Ann	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002818	Povolny, Latosha Renea	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002819	Miller, Diane Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002820	Rush, Aaron Michael	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002821	Ellis, Kelly Suzanne	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002822	Mock, Donna Lee	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002823	McCaffery, Traci Leigh	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002824	Kent, Lindsay Michelle	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002825	Watson, Andrea Rose	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002826	Crowley, Beth Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002827	Morgan, Kenneth Shane	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002828	Winfrey, Steven Frederick	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002829	Coley, Brent Richard	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002830	Williamson, Joy	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002831	Gillfillan, Nicki Lorraine	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002832	Edwards, Jodi Lynette	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002833	Gionson, Joseph Lonala	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002834	Clay, Calvin Lee	Physical Therapist Assistant

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PTA002836	Miller, Zachary Clifford	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002837	Haney, Naomi Rose	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002838	Gaston, Emily Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002839	Henderson, Samantha Fuller	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002840	Futch, Jessica Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002841	Berry, Kayla Lynne	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002842	York, Chelsea Eiladia	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002843	Robinson, Joshua Ryan	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002844	Smeed, Eric Michael	Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA002845	Aversano, Rebekah Lyn	Physical Therapist Assistant

**Reinstatements**

PT008550	Marchman, Matthew Ray	Physical Therapist
PT004167	Merto, Emma	Physical Therapist

**Rule Waiver Request from Andrew Farmer re: Board Rule 490-2-.02 – Licensure Examination.** Mr. Walsh made a motion to deny the rule waiver request because it is not needed. The Board approved allowing Mr. Farmer to sit for the examination. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Rule Variance Request from Josphe Ronie T. Pioquinto re: Board Rule 490-4-.02 – Renewal: Continuing Competence Requirement-Disciplinary Sanctions.** Mr. Whitefield made a motion to deny the request. Ms Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NPTE Test Dates** – PTA is also moving to fixed date testing. The Board viewed as informational.

**Correspondence from Marty Lauzon, Head Athletic Trainer for the Atlanta Falcons.** Dr. Portee made a motion that based upon the credentials evaluation provided that Mr. Lauzon's education is not substantially equivalent and is not acceptable for Georgia Licensure consideration. Mr. Lauzon was directed to provide additional information to the Board; if the information meets the criteria for licensure in the laws and rules and then the license can be issued. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**Don Walsh Rules Committee Report on Dry Needling.** Ms. Garner made a motion to to post Board Rule 490-9-.04. Ms. Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**490-9-.04 Disciplinary Sanctions.**

When providing physical therapy treatment following appropriate consultation, unprofessional and unethical conduct shall include but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Failing to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapists Assistants, as codified in Rules 490-9-.01 through 490-9-.03.
- (b) Delegating to an aide or unlicensed person any physical therapy task other than those codified in Chapter 490-8.
- (c) Failing to provide continuous, immediate and physically present supervision of the aide or unlicensed person when designated tasks are performed.

~~(d) Failing to provide an evaluation on each patient and establishing a physical therapy diagnosis. Failing to meet the following requirements to perform Dry Needling:~~

Dry needling, also known as Intramuscular Manual Therapy, is a technique using the insertion of a solid filament needle, without medication, into or through the skin to treat various impairments including, but not limited to: scarring, myofascial pain, motor recruitment and muscle firing problems. Goals for treatment vary from pain relief, increased extensibility of scar tissue to the improvement of neuromuscular firing patterns. Dry needling must be directly performed by a licensed physical therapist. To be deemed competent to perform dry needling a physical therapist must meet the following requirements:

1. Dry needling is not an entry level skill and requires a minimum of 2 years of practice as a licensed physical therapist or being actively enrolled in a credentialed residency or fellowship program of study that includes instruction in dry needling techniques.
2. Documented successful completion of a didactic dry needling course of study that consists of a minimum of 50 hours. Online study is not considered appropriate training.
3. Proof of education in OSHA standards for Blood Borne Pathogens including infection control and the handling/disposal of sharps.

~~(e) Failing to formulate and record in the patient's record a treatment program based upon the evaluation and any other information available. Failing to provide an evaluation on each patient and establishing a physical therapy diagnosis.~~

~~(f) Failing to perform periodic evaluation of the patient and documenting the evaluations in the patient's record and to make adjustments to the patient's treatment program as progress warrants.~~

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~~(g) Failing to formulate and record a patient's discharge plan. Failing to perform periodic evaluation of the patient and documenting the evaluations in the patient's record and to make adjustments to the patient's treatment program as progress warrants.~~

~~(h) Directly or indirectly requesting, receiving or participating in the division, transferring, assigning, rebating or refunding of fees or remuneration earned, in cash or kind, for bringing or referring a patient. For purposes of this Rule:~~

~~1. No physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, employee or agent thereof acting on his behalf, shall enter into or engage in any agreement or arrangement with any individual, entity, or an employee or agent thereof acting on his behalf, for the payment or acceptance or compensation in any form for the referral or recommending of the professional services of either. This prohibition includes any form of fee division or charging of fees solely for referral of a patient.~~

~~2. This prohibition shall include a rebate or percentage of rental agreement or any arrangement or agreement whereby the amount received in payment for furnishing space, facilities, equipment or personnel services.~~

~~3. Provided further, that this Rule shall not preclude a discount, waiver of co-payment or other reduction in price of services by a physical therapist if the reduction in price is properly disclosed to the consumer and third party payers and appropriately reflected in the costs claimed or charges made. Failing to formulate and record a patient's discharge plan.~~

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Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-3, 43-33-10, 43-33-11 and 43-33-18.

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**Discussion from Don Walsh regarding a request from the FSBPT on process improvement that can be shared at the FSBPT meeting.** The Board viewed as informational.

**Correspondence from Cathleen P. Barrett, MS., PT regarding continuing competency.** Mr. Walsh made a motion to notify Ms. Barrett that transitional DPT coursework is allowed as continuing competency credit pursuant to Board Rule 490-4-.02 and the Board's policies that can be found on the Board's website. Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Request for a Rule Variance from Jennifer Paulso-Miller regarding board Rule 490-4-.02- Renewal: Continuing Competence Requirements-Disciplinary Sanctions.** Dr. Portee made a motion to deny the rule variance request. The Board advises that Ms. /Dr. Paulso-Miller should contact the continuing competency program provider and have them provide the course content, outlines and objectives as required by the Board. Ms. Garner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Request for a Rule Waiver from Jennifer Watts regarding Board Rule 490-4-.01(4)(c) – Renewal: Continuing Competence Requirements-Disciplinary Sanctions.** Mr. Cowherd made a motion to deny the rule waiver request. The Board advises the NPTE is required before reinstatement so the Board can assure entry level competency. Dr. Portee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Board Chair Report – Dr. Lola Rosenbaum**

- Dr. Rosenbaum shared with the Board that she had provided a presentation to the students at Georgia State University.

**Executive Director's report – Ms. Anita Martin**

- Ms. Martin announced that the new Division Director for the Professional Licensing Boards is Ms. Lisa Durden.
- Ms. Martin stated she will send the renewal numbers to the Board members once they are available.
- Ms. Martin discussed with the Board developing a new policy about examination approval and degree confirmment.
- Ms. Martin discussed the 2012 Board calendar. The Board members discussed and advised the calendar needs revision. Ms. Martin will resend to the Board members for approval.
- Ms. Martin cautioned the board members about personal involvement with applicants.

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**Miscellaneous**

- Dr. Portee stated that there may be Athletic Trainers legislation that will require AT's to have national certification and examination for licensure. The Board should be mindful of this possible legislation.
- The Board discussed election of officers for 2012.
  - Ms. Willis made a motion to nominate Mr. Walsh for President; Mr. Hamil for Vice-President and Dr. Rosenbaum for Cognizant.
  - Mr. Whitefield made a motion to approve/Dr. Portee seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Board discussed the location of the Annual Public Meeting. The Board would like to have the meeting at the Archives Building if it is available. Ms. Martin will contact and let the Board members know if the Archives Building is available. If the Archives building is not available, the Public meeting will be held in Macon.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Whitefield made a motion, Dr. Portee seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and to receive information on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Mr. Cowherd, Ms. Garner, Mr. Hamil, Mr. Walsh and Ms. Willis. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the Public Session.

**Applications/Licensure:**

1. A.R.Y.– Physical Therapist Applicant  
*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends requiring a 480 hour traineeship. Upon completion of traineeship; the Board recommends approval. The applicant must also take and pass the Georgia law examination.
2. T.L.K. – Physical Therapist Assistant  
*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends approval to take the NPTE. The Board also recommends requiring a 1000 hour traineeship prior to licensure and must take and pass the Georgia law examination.
3. D.H.B. – Physical Therapist Endorsement



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*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends applicant take and pass the Georgia law examination. The Board also recommends requiring a 1000 hour traineeship; however, if after not less than 480 hours the supervisor finds applicant competent to practice with reasonable skill and safety to the public, the applicant can be released from the traineeship early.

4. K.R.P. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant

*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends approval.

5. F.S.A. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant

*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends approval.

6. A.M.O. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant

*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends approval for the final examination attempt.

7. J.L.W. – Physical Therapist Assistant Reinstatement Applicant

*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends approval for examination, once applicant applies for examination; the Board requires a 1000 hour traineeship. Upon completion of applicant's traineeship, the Board approves for licensure.

8. R.H. – Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant

*Board Recommendation:* The Board recommends approval for examination. Once applicant passes examination; must complete 1000 hour traineeship.

**Open Session**

Mr. Cowherd motioned, Dr. Portee seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made during the Executive Session, concerning applications.

There being no further business, Mr. Walsh motioned; Mr. Cowherd seconded and the Board meeting adjourned at 12:45 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Carol White, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Anita Martin, Executive Director

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